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SUBJECT: POSITIVE ADJUSTMENT POLICIES: JULY 20 COUNCIL
MEETING

REF: A) PARIS 21495 B) PARIS 22119

1. OUR AIMS ARE TO HAVE PRINCIPLES OF MINISTERIAL'S
POSITIVE ADJUSTMENT GUIDELINES TRANSLATED INTO ACTION
BY OECD GOVERNMENTS AND TO THAT END HAVE THE KEY COMMIT-
TEES OF THE ORGANIZATION HELP PROVIDE A CLEARER UNDER-
STANDING OF CURRENT POLICIES AND TYPES OF DESIRABLE
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POLICY CHANGES.

2. SECGEN'S PROPOSAL FOR FOLLOW-UP TO MINISTERIAL WILL
INVOLVE IN ONE DEGREE OR ANOTHER ALL RELEVANT COMMITTEES
AND, BY REQUIRING THAT THE KEY SECTORAL COMMITTEES
REPORT TO THE COUNCIL BY THE END OF THE YEAR, GIVES
APPROPRIATE URGENCY AND RECOGNIZES NEED FOR COHERENCE IN

ORGANIZATION'S WORK. AT JULY 20 COUNCIL MEETING, MISSION CAN ENDORSE OUTLINE OF SECGEN'S APPROACH AND CAN BE FLEXIBLE IN RESPONDING TO MODIFICATIONS OF PROPOSAL WHICH FURTHER OUR AIMS.

3. MISSION SHOULD ENSURE THAT XCSS HAS AN APPROPRIATE SUBSTANTIVE REVIEW ROLE IN LINE WITH ITS UNIQUE INTERFUNCTIONAL NATURE. WE NOTE THAT C(78)129 HAS NO REFERENCE TO XCSS. WE WOULD NOT WANT TO SEE XCSS ROLE PRECLUDED SIMPLY BECAUSE OF THIS OVERSIGHT.

4. TWO FURTHER SUGGESTIONS ARE THAT:

A) PROPOSAL MIGHT GIVE GREATER RECOGNITION TO ROLE OF EPC AND ITS WP-2 TO PROVIDE OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT POLICIES AND TO WEIGH NEW DIRECTIONS;

B) IF WP-2'S ROLE IS ENHANCED, THEN PROPOSED MEETING OF

AD HOC GROUP WOULD BE LESS IMPORTANT, PERHAPS DESIGNED PRIMARILY TO ASSURE COORDINATION WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION. CHRISTOPHER

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